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## ***PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D05PPN-03-2020***

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the Virginia Department of Transportation with plans for the replacement of an existing highway drawbridge with a new fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Blackwater River, mile 9.2, between the city of Suffolk and Southampton County, VA.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The proposed project is to replace the existing Route 189 (South Quay Road) highway drawbridge with a fixed bridge. The purpose of the project is to maintain the safety of the travelling public and replace a bridge design that is no longer considered acceptable, eliminating the need for increasingly costly bridge repairs and avoiding vehicular traffic disruption and delays.

### **MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:**

<b><u>Existing</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
Vertical Clearance:	Vertical Clearance:
Open – unlimited	35 feet above mean high water
Closed - 14.76 feet above mean high water	Horizontal Clearance:
Horizontal Clearance:	60 feet between the abutments.
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North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) (Existing and Proposed bridges)

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:**

Mariners are requested to provide navigational information, such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the waterway and nature of navigation (including the extent of nighttime navigation) on the waterway. Mariners are requested to comment on the navigational clearances and need for bridge protective systems, clearance gauges, and navigational lighting on the proposed bridge. Please submit the attached response form.

Interest parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 through **March 24, 2020.**

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By direction of the Commander  
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Attachments: (1) Response Form

South Quay Road Bridge  
Blackwater River, mile 9.2  
Between the City of Suffolk and Southampton County, VA DC  
**Preliminary Public Notice D05PPN-03-2020**  
Response Form

It is requested that anyone having an interest in this proposed project, from the standpoint of navigation, submit vessel information, comments, and recommendations on this form to the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 by **March 24, 2020.**

<b>Vessel Information</b>	Please provide all requested information:
Vessel Type	
Use – <i>Commercial and/or Recreational</i>	
Vessel Height	
Draft	
Length	
Beam	
Tonnage	
Mooring Location	

Name (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments and Recommendations:** \_\_\_\_\_

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